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In the Claims

No claims have been amended, and as such, the currently pending claims are as follows:

1.   (previously presented)   A method of installing licensed software on an end user's computer comprising:

    providing an end user computer having a program storage device and a unique computer

        identifier distinguishing the end user computer from other computers;

    providing a network computer having access to a program storage device containing

        software selected from the group consisting of programs to be executed by the end user's

        computer and database information for license to end users and a program storage

        device containing a database listing computer identifiers licensed to run the software;

    using the network computer to contact the end user computer and determine its end user

        computer identifier;

    verifying listing of the end user computer identifier in the network computer database;

    based on the verification that the end user computer identifier is listed in the network

        computer database, downloading said software from the network computer program

        storage device; and

    using the network computer, installing the downloaded software on the end user computer

        program storage device such that the downloaded and installed software is not in a form

        that may be transferred from the end user computer and installed on another computer.

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2.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the unique computer identifier is selected from the group consisting of a BIOS serial number and a network adapter address.

3.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein on installation on the end user computer program storage device, the software comprises a program for execution on the end user computer.

4.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the network computer includes a plurality of different software and, prior to downloading the software, further including:

identifying to the end user computer all of the software on the network computer program storage device listed as licensed by the computer identifier of the end user computer; and

sending from the end user computer to the network computer a selection of the software to be downloaded,

and thereafter downloading and installing on the end user computer program storage device the selected software.

5.   (original) The method of claim 4 wherein the identification to the end user computer of all the software on the network computer program storage device listed as licensed by the computer identifier of the end user computer is by an executable program on a program storage device of the network computer.

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6.   (original) The method of claim 5 wherein prior to identifying to the end user computer the software on the network computer program storage device, further including:

sending to the network computer, from the end user computer, a command to run the program identifying to the end user computer the software listed as licensed by the computer identifier of the end user computer.

7.   (original) The method of claim 6 wherein the program identifying to the end user computer the software listed as licensed by the computer identifier is not installed on the end user computer.

8.   (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the end user computer program storage device contains a damaged version of the software to be downloaded, and wherein the installation of said software corrects the damaged software.

9.   (previously presented) A method of installing licensed software on an end user's computer comprising:

providing an end user computer having a program storage device and a unique computer identifier distinguishing the end user computer from other computers;

providing a network computer having access to a program storage device containing a plurality of different software for license to end users, the software comprising programs

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for execution on end user computers, and a program storage device containing a database listing computer identifiers licensed to run the software;

using the network computer to contact the end user computer and determine its end user computer identifier;

verifying listing of the end user computer identifier in the network computer database;

identifying to the end user computer all of the software on the network computer program storage device listed as licensed by the computer identifier of the end user computer;

sending from the end user computer to the network computer a selection of said software to be downloaded;

downloading the selected software from the network computer program storage device; and

using the network computer, installing the downloaded software on the end user computer program storage device for execution on the end user's computer such that the downloaded and installed software is not in a form that may be transferred from the end user computer and installed on another computer.

10.   (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the unique computer identifier is selected from the group consisting of a BIOS serial number and a network adapter address.

11.   (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the identification to the end user computer of all the software on the network computer program storage device listed as licensed by the computer identifier of the end user computer is by an executable program on a program storage device of the network computer.

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12.   (original) The method of claim 11 wherein prior to identifying to the end user computer

the software on the network computer program storage device, further including:

    sending to the network computer, from the end user computer, a command to run the

        program identifying to the end user computer the software listed as licensed by the

        computer identifier of the end user computer.

13.   (previously presented)   A method of installing licensed software on an end user's

computer comprising:

    providing an end user computer having a program storage device containing a damaged

        executable software program for execution on the end user's computer and a unique

        computer identifier distinguishing the end user computer from other computers;

    providing a network computer having access to a program storage device containing

        software for installing said executable software program and a program storage device

        containing a database listing computer identifiers licensed to run the software;

    using the network computer to contact the end user computer and determine its end user

        computer identifier;

    verifying listing of the end user computer identifier in the network computer database;

    based on the verification that the end user computer identifier is listed in the network

        computer database, downloading said software from the network computer program

        storage device; and

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using the network computer, installing the downloaded software on the end user computer

program storage device and correcting the damaged executable software program for

execution on the end user's computer such that the downloaded and installed software is

not in a form that may be transferred from the end user computer and installed on

another computer.

14.   (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the unique computer identifier is selected

from the group consisting of a BIOS serial number and a network adapter address.

15.   (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the network computer includes a plurality of

different software and, prior to downloading the software, further including:

    identifying to the end user computer all of the software on the network computer program

        storage device listed as licensed by the computer identifier of the end user computer;

        and

    sending from the end user computer to the network computer a selection of the software to

        be downloaded,

and thereafter downloading and installing on the end user computer program storage device the

selected software.

16.   . (original) The method of claim 15 wherein the identification to the end user computer

all of the software on the network computer program storage device listed as licensed by the

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computer identifier of the end user computer is by an executable program on a program storage device of the network computer.

17.   (original) The method of claim 16 wherein prior to identifying to the end user computer the software on the network computer program storage device, further including:

    sending to the network computer, from the end user computer, a command to run the program identifying to the end user computer the software listed as licensed by the computer identifier of the end user computer.

18.   (previously presented)   A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for installing licensed software from a network computer to an end user's computer, said network computer having access to a program storage device containing software selected from the group consisting of programs to be executed by the end user's computer and database information for license to end users and a program storage device containing a database listing computer identifiers licensed to run the software, said end user computer having a program storage device and a unique computer identifier distinguishing the end user computer from other computers, said method steps comprising:

    contacting the end user computer using the network computer;

    determining the end user computer identifier;

    verifying listing of the end user computer identifier in the network computer database;

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based on the verification that the end user computer identifier is listed in the network computer database, downloading said software from the network computer program storage device; and

using the network computer, installing the downloaded software on the end user computer program storage device such that the downloaded and installed software is not in a form that may be transferred from the end user computer and installed on another computer.

19.   (previously presented)   A computer program product for use with a network computer and an end user's computer, said computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium for installing licensed software from the network computer to the end user's computer, said network computer having access to a program storage device containing software selected from the group consisting of programs to be executed by the end user's computer and database information for license to end users and a program storage device containing a database listing computer identifiers licensed to run the software, said end user computer having a program storage device and a unique computer identifier distinguishing the end user computer from other computers, said computer program product having:

computer readable program code means for contacting the end user computer using the network computer;

computer readable program code means for determining the end user computer identifier;

computer readable program code means for verifying listing of the end user computer identifier in the network computer database;

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computer readable program code means for downloading said software from the network

computer program storage device based on the verification that the end user computer

identifier is listed in the network computer database; and

computer readable program code means for using the network computer to install the

downloaded software on the end user computer program storage device such that the

downloaded and installed software is not in a form that may be transferred from the end

user computer and installed on another computer.

20.   (previously presented) An article of manufacture comprising: a computer usable medium

having computer readable program code means embodied therein for installing licensed software

from a network computer to an end user's computer, said network computer having access to a

program storage device containing software selected from the group consisting of programs to be

executed by the end user's computer and database information for license to end users and a

program storage device containing a database listing computer identifiers licensed to run the

software, said end user computer having a program storage device and a unique computer

identifier distinguishing the end user computer from other computers, the computer readable

program code means in said article of manufacture comprising:

computer readable program code means for contacting the end user computer using the

network computer;

computer readable program code means for determining the end user computer identifier;

computer readable program code means for verifying listing of the end user computer

identifier in the network computer database;

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computer readable program code means for downloading said software from the network

computer program storage device based on the verification that the end user computer

identifier is listed in the network computer database; and

computer readable program code means for using the network computer to install the

downloaded software on the end user computer program storage device such that the

downloaded and installed software is not in a form that may be transferred from the end

user computer and installed on another computer.